

I would like to express my support for the petition that maintains that surcharges should be built into phone company (including cell phone companies) rates instead of being added on top of the advertised rates.

The current situation is confusing and anticompetitive. I find it almost impossible to fairly compare, local, long distance or cell phone plans because the quoted rate is only the beginning. Usually the line item surcharges add at least twenty percent and sometimes up to thirty percent on top of the quoted rate.

Please take this opportunity to make the vendors tell us upfront what our real costs will be.

Thanks.

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